

7 PERISH IN HARLEM TENEMENT FIRE; MOTHER LEAPS 5 STORIES WITH GIRL

Others Trapped By Blaze Leap From Windows

At least seven persons were burned to death in a fire which early today swept through the five-story brick tenement at 420 St. Nicholas Ave., occupied exclusively by colored families, and for a time threatened to wipe out the entire neighborhood.

Five bodies have been recovered, burned beyond recognition. Seven persons are reported missing and it is thought the bodies are some of these.

Mob Hampers Firemen

Scenes of wild confusion marked the blaze as thousands of hysterical men and women went tumbling from their homes, screaming. The street was soon filled with an excited, milling mob, which, along with the torn up condition of the thoroughfare, seriously hampered the firemen.

In the excitement several persons jumped from windows of the burning building. Grabbing up her 2-year-old daughter, Develina, Mrs. Mamie Rambo leaped from the fifth story to go crashing down into the excavation for the St. Nicholas-Washington Heights subway. Both mother and child were rushed to Harlem Hospital in a serious condition.

Throws Herself from Window

Mrs. Mary Allen threw herself from a fourth story window and landed in the excavation. In the plunge her left foot was so badly injured that it was necessary to amputate it at Harlem Hospital.

Isaac Rambo, husband of Mrs. Mamie Rambo, escaped with only slight injuries by climbing across the ledge leading from the window of his fifth floor apartment to the building adjoining at 418.

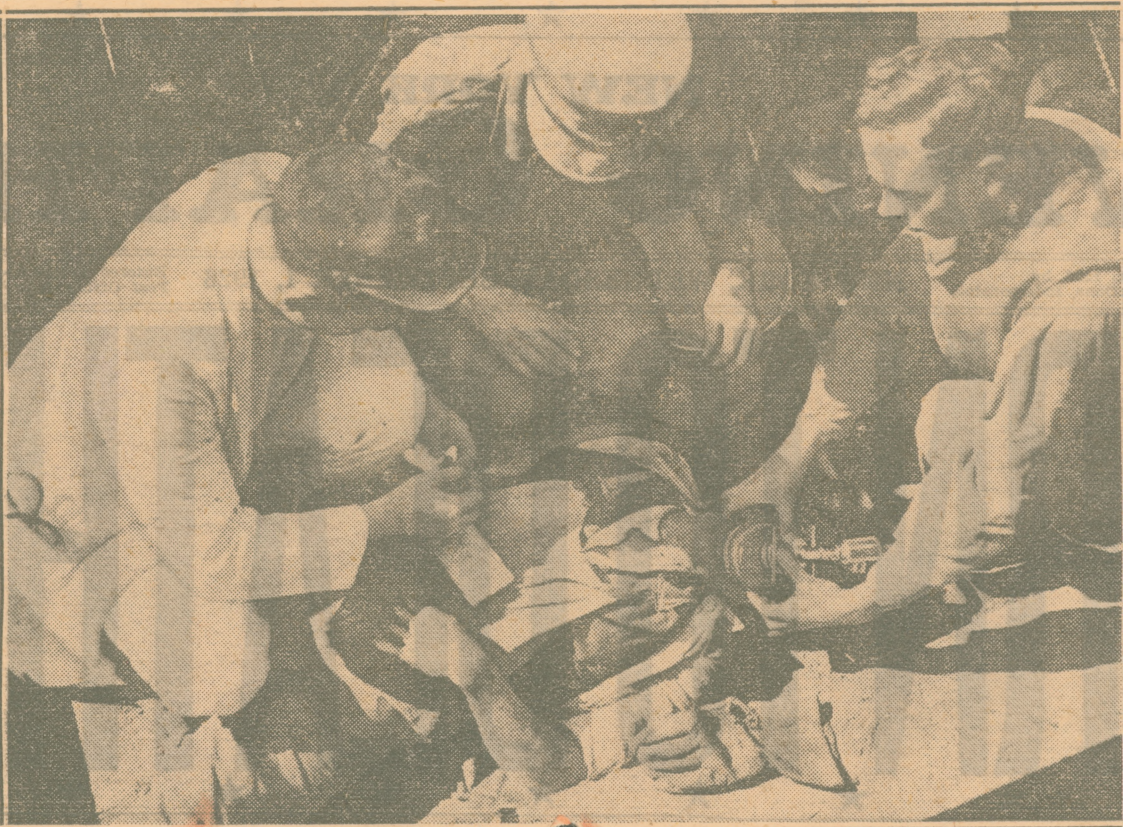
The blaze was discovered in the basement by Patrolman Thomas Brosnan of West 135th Street station, who, after turning in an alarm, proceeded to arouse the sleeping tenants, of whom there were about 100. He was joined in a few minutes by Patrolman Gerald Morrison of the same station.

Fire Spreads Rapidly

By the time the officers reached the second floor the fire had spread

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Working Over Sand-Trap Victim



HYPODERMIC INJECTION to relieve pain is administered by Dr. Keenan of Knickerbocker Hospital to William Clark, a laborer of 268 West 153d Street, who stepped into a pit of sand today and was precipitated 50 feet, while pulmotor is being used to revive the injured man.

3 New Hall Arrests Due; Henry Stevens Cleared

Special Dispatch to The GRAPHIC

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 1.—Predictions of "two or three" new arrests in the revived Hall-Mills case need not worry Henry Stevens, brother of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, unless unforeseen developments occur to change the opinion of Inspector John Underwood, in charge of the investigation.

This afternoon Underwood indicated that the alibi offered by Stevens for the night of the murder, a fishing trip with friends, had stood the test of close questioning of both Stevens and the men who accompanied him.

Practically Eliminated

Underwood would not say whether Stevens was completely eliminated from the case as a result of yesterday's interrogation, but it is

regarded as practically certain that such is the case.

Examination of the clothing worn by Mrs. Mills and the Rev. Hall at the time of the murder, of



Mrs. Frances Hall Willie Stevens

which Mrs. Hall, Henry Carpenter and Willie Stevens stand accused, failed to reveal any traces of fingerprints, according to Jo-

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THE WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1926.



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Increasing cloudiness; occasional showers tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature; moderate shifting winds, becoming fresh northwest Thursday.

EASTERN NEW YORK—Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably showers, except fair in north portion Thursday; slightly warmer in south and cooler in north portion tonight; cooler Thursday; moderate shifting winds, becoming fresh northwest.

Hour.	Temp.	Weather.	Barom.	Wind.
Midnight...	60	Clear	30.05	NW. 12
2 a. m. ...	59	Clear	30.05	NW. 12
4 a. m. ...	56	Clear	30.05	NW. 10
6 a. m. ...	57	Clear	30.06	NW. 10
8 a. m. ...	56	Clear	30.06	NW. 8
10 a. m. ...	63	Clear	30.06	NW. 8



E. H. Waterman



Mrs. E. H. Waterman

Finally, the complaint alleges, Elisha H. Waterman has passed his

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Young Waterman Sues Dad For Share in Pen Millions

A new gun was fired today in the bitter battle between father and son which has disrupted the family of Frank D. Waterman, millionaire fountain pen magnate, when Max D. Steuer, attorney for young Elisha Huson Waterman, filed for his client a suit for recovery of a trust fund which the elder Waterman refuses to relinquish.

The suit is brought by Elisha Huson Waterman against Frank D. Waterman, individually and as trustee for the plaintiff, and names the Broadway Savings Institution of New York city as a second defendant.

The complaint sets forth that on February 27, 1900, Elisha's uncle, Louis E. Waterman, opened an account in his nephew's name at the savings bank with a \$10 deposit, and that on two subsequent occasions other deposits, one of \$20 and one of \$10, were made.

Fresh Deposits

Louis E. Waterman, founder of the pen business, died on May 1, 1901, but the complaint sets forth that after February 5, 1921, additional deposits to an unnamed amount were made by various per-

sons, including Frank D. Waterman.

Crowe to Fight Parole of Loeb, Leopold in 1935

CHICAGO, Sept. 1 (By U. P.).—State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe announced today that he was prepared to block any attempt to gain parole from Joliet Prison for Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, "thrill slayers" of Bobby Franks. The youths will be eligible for parole in 1935, according to Hinton G. Clabaugh, state supervisor of paroles.

"Good behavior under the Illinois statutes would cut the terms to a minimum of eleven years," Clabaugh said.

Crowe said that any effort to free the pair would be opposed vigorously.

"They are two of the most vicious criminals I have ever prosecuted and I will do all in my power to see that they remain in prison," he said.

Jean Acker in Collapse Grieving Over Valentino

Speeding toward an isolated sanitarium in the mountains of Maine is Jean Acker, first wife of Rudolph Valentino, following an utter breakdown—and speeding equally fast on the White Star liner Homeric is Alberto Guglielmo, brother of the "Sheik," due to land here tonight for a last look at the face of the "Great Lover."

Miss Acker collapsed in her apartment, at 21 East 49th St., following Rudy's funeral. Her condition steadily grew worse. Physicians dared not leave her.

Then came the edict—"Complete rest in the mountains, or we cannot expect her recovery."

From close friends of the actress comes word that only the best of care can restore her.

Heavily veiled, and almost carried, so weak was she, Miss Acker was taken from her apartment to the Grand Central Station at an early hour this morning. There she was hurriedly put to bed in a drawing room, and the trip to Maine started. Accompanying her

\$10,000 in Coins Found in Room of Woman Beggar

For the last year and a half Mrs. Matilda Ries, 42, had earned her living by "panhandling," according to police. Before that she worked in a laundry. Yesterday the woman, arrested while begging in the 86th Street station of the West Side subway last week, was declared insane by physicians at Bellevue Hospital. On her person at the time of her arrest was \$1,800 in bills.

Today Harry Silvester, agent of the State Hospital Commission, accompanied by two patrolmen, went to the dingy little two-room tenement apartment, at 1751 Avenue A, which she had occupied, to see if they could find a clue to the woman's relatives.

They found bags—forty of them—filled with coins, pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars.

Six policemen filled a patrol wagon with the bags. At least \$10,000, police estimate, was in the apartment, the majority of it hidden under a dilapidated bed.

BULLETIN

BERLIN, Sept. 1 (By U. P.).—A family swimming party across the English Channel is likely next summer, according to reports circulated today of the plans of Ernest Vierkotter, the German who swam the Channel Monday.

Vierkotter's wife, formerly Else Doebl, for many years holder of the women's long distance swimming championship of Germany, will swim the Channel with her husband as pacemaker next year, according to the report, in an effort to better Gertrude Ederle's record of 14 hours and 31 minutes.

MAY RECOGNIZE RUSSIA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 1 (By U. P.).—Argentina would grant diplomatic recognition to Soviet Russia if the latter solicited it, Foreign Minister Gallardo told the United Press today.

Clearing House

(Official figures)

Exchanges	\$1,032,000,000
Balances	83,000,000
Credit balance	76,000,000

are not only her mother, but a physician and trained nurse.

"She is in a grave condition," was all the doctor would vouchsafe as the train pulled out. "She cannot be seen—she recognizes no one. It is a complete breakdown."

Mother in Tears

Tears, streamed unrestrained down the face of Jean Acker's mother as she threw a caressing arm about her daughter.

A special tug and fast automobile are in readiness to rush Valentino's brother from the Homeric, when it arrives in the Narrows late

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